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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EMIN, CO  
SUBJ: CHROMITE ORE INFORMATION

REF: STATE 012814

1. CHROMITE CRUDE ORE PRODUCTION FROM 1970-1972 AVERAGED ABOUT 200 TONS PER YEAR. IN 1973 PRODUCTION INCREASED TO 12,000 TONS. FROM 1974 ON PRODUCTION HAS AVERAGED 700 TO 800 TONS PER MONTH.
2. THERE IS ONLY ONE COMPANY PRESENTLY PRODUCING CHROMITE: "CROMITAS LTDA" A SUBSIDIARY OF COLTEJER (ONE OF THE LARGEST TEXTILE PRODUCERS IN COLOMBIA).
3. CHROMITE DEPOSITS ARE LOCATED IN ANTIOQUIA NEAR MEDELLIN-BELLO- ENVIGADO AND SAN BENITO. THE TOTAL AREA COVERED IS 13 THOUSAND HECTARS.
4. TOTAL RESERVES ARE ESTIMATED TO BE 1.5 MILLION TONS OF WHICH 150 THOUSAND TONS ARE POSSIBLE, 50 THOUSAND TONS PROBABLE AND ONLY 30 THOUSAND TONS PROVED.
5. 1977 PRODUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BE 8,000 TO 9,000 THOUSAND TONS.
6. AVERAGE GRADE OF CHROMITE ORE IS 36 PER CENT OF CR 2 OR 3. REFRACTARY TYPE.

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7. "FEASIBILITY STUDIES" ARE PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED TO EXPAND FUTURE PRODUCTION.
8. MOST OF THE CHROMITE PRODUCTION IS EXPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES.

9. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION YOU MAY CONTACT "CHROMITAS LTDA"  
APARTADO AEREO #8814, MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA.  
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